

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

--The present application is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of international application number PCT/JP2004/011237 filed August 5, 2004, which claims the benefit of priority of based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-293125, filed on August 13, 2003.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 23, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--~~[Fig. 2]~~ Fig. 2 shows [Figs. 2A-2D] Figs. 2A-2D show the effects of pressurization on gene transduction (in maize).--